GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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Drinking Water Problem
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to assist the State of Gujarat in overcoming drinking water problem during the summer months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) to (b) Rural drinking water supply is a state subject. This Ministry supplements the efforts of all states including Gujarat by providing them with technical & financial assistance through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for improving the coverage of safe drinking water to rural population. For this, a provision of Rs. 6000 crore has been made the year in 2016-17. Against this, Rs. 5208.66 crores has already been released to various States as on 06.03.2017. Out of which, Rs. 207.89 crore has been released to the State of Gujarat in the year. This Ministry from time to time issues advisory to the affected states / UTs regarding the mitigation measures to be taken by them in wake of drought resulting in drinking water problem. 25% of the releases made under NRDWP is Flexi fund and can be used by the states for taking measures for mitigating drinking water scarcity.